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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, October 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVED:	11/18/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member, Presiding
Lisa Allison, Office of Management and Budget
Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender
Dr. Fran Franklin, Professional Member
Ron Hosterman, Department of Correction
Gail Levinson
Rochelle Mason, Professional Member
John Mucha, Professional Member
John Shuford, NASW (12:00 p.m. – 12:27 p.m.)

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

James Collins, Director
Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Bailey, AFSCME Council 81
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Amy Bonner, Office of Management and Budget
Mark Farley, DSCYF
Ray Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Social Services
Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget
Vicky Kelly, Division of Family Services
Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University

ALSO PRESENT

ChaTanya Lankford, Pressley Ridge

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Scott-Cobb called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Legislative Committee reviewed the July 15, 2013, minutes for approval. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions and Input from Stakeholders

Ms. Levinson addressed the Committee and thanked Mr. Shuford for his notice of the Board's proposal. The Committee reviewed Ms. Levinson's correspondence regarding her questions and concerns surrounding the proposal.

The Committee also reviewed correspondence sent to the Division of Professional Regulation from Don Taggart posing questions about the proposal. Dr. Franklin and Mr. Shuford provided a brief update as to the Board's reasoning behind the grandfathering and exemption language. It was determined that clinical licensure would not be applicable to the grandfathering or exemption provision for state employees. The Committee further discussed the proposed grandfathering and exemption language.

Mr. Collins addressed the Committee, offering his input that it may be easier to allow the state a specific amount of time to adjust and adapt to the new requirements. Mr. Collins advised the Committee regarding the transition of new regulations, during the transition, a group of individuals will be affected, and they need to be addressed.

The Office of Management and Budget is still reviewing the fiscal and operational impact that the proposed draft will have to the State. Ms. Allison advised the Committee that OMB is in the process of determining how the all-encompassing definition of social work will affect each department. Ms. Allison reported that if the definition was not all encompassing, then it would not be as difficult to determine how the State will be affected.

Mr. Collins suggested that the Committee work on clarifying the definition of social work.

Ms. Ferriter advised the Committee that she is happy that graduated licensure is included in the draft and based off of the duties of the job; individuals may not be required to obtain licensure. Ms. Ferriter stated that the employer's may not be supportive of the proposal.

Ms. Davis-Oliva suggested that the Committee draft specific agenda items for the next meeting. The Committee requested that the following be placed on the next agenda:

- State Representatives are to bring back feedback regarding the grandfathering/exemption provisions as currently written
- Potential definitions defining social work theory should be sent to Ms. Williams at least one week prior to the next scheduled meeting, in order to be circulated and reviewed by members.
- The Committee will review Ms. Levinson's letter and address each concern
- Discussion regarding workforce

The Committee also suggested that a new draft be circulated to include previous changes and new definitions.

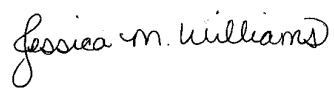
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Me. Mucha, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners